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Duluth man pleads guilty to distributing methamphetamine

A 27-year-old Duluth man pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court to one count of possession with intent to distribute and distribution in excess of 15,000 grams of the highly addictive and dangerous drug methamphetamine.

Jimmy Joe Korf entered his plea before United States District Court Judge Patrick Schiltz July 7 in Minneapolis. Korf was indicted on April 23.

According to his plea agreement, Korf admitted that from October 2006 to Jan. 9, 2008, he distributed and possessed with intent to distribute in excess of 15,000 grams of methamphetamine.

According to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) affidavit, officers arranged three separate "controlled purchases" of methamphetamine from Korf totaling 141 grams. Following the final purchase, Korf was arrested and police recovered an additional 116 grams of methamphetamine.

An executed search warrant at Korf's residence on Jan. 9 resulted in the recovery of approximately 10 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale, a glass pipe, sandwich bags and a pay-and-owe list. In addition to the seized drugs, witnesses were prepared to testify to Korf's history of dealing more than 15 kilograms of methamphetamine since October 2006.

Korf faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. Judge Schiltz will determine Korf's sentence at a future date.

This case is the result of an investigation by the ATF, the Duluth Police Department and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.